

AMONG the permanent decorations to be added to the vestibule of the White House are portraits of Washington and Lincoln, painted on the wall over the mantelpieces.

GERMAN legislators have a bill under consideration for the suppression of drunkenness. The measure proposes to place habitual drunkards under the restraint of special guardians.

The new city hall of Philadelphia will be the tallest building on the continent, excepting only the Washington monument. It will be two inches more than 547 feet in height and will cover an area of four and a half acres.

VALPARAISO is the principal seaport of the Pacific coast in South America. It is about ninety miles as the crow flies from Santiago, the capital of the republic, and one hundred and twenty by rail. Santiago is the seat of government, but Valparaiso is the seat of customs. In a military point of view Valparaiso is therefore the key to the situation.

THAT familiar story of the peach-grower who shipped a large consignment of peaches to market and received from his commission merchant a postage-stamp for his profits is now making the annual tour of the press. This time the unlucky producer lives in Chester-town, Md., and his net proceeds on one hundred baskets of fruit were represented by a one-cent stamp.

The new explosive called ammonite is probably the most useful and reliable yet made. It has great power, is free from danger in manufacturing and in use and recent tests made with it in England have resulted in the railroads taking it for transportation without the usual restrictions pertaining to explosives. It is not injured by exposure to the air and will not decompose.

THE necessity of man keeping cool in all kinds of weather and under all circumstances is demonstrated daily, but what can be accomplished by presence of mind was never shown more forcibly than it was by a Williamsport, Pa., man the other day. Bitten by a snake, he calmly took a knife and cut the injured part of the leg. Then he sucked the poison from the wound and walked home. He experienced but little trouble and is rapidly improving.

It is a novel plea that a Georgia woman sets up for divorce. She says that when, before marriage, she told her sweet, art she was willing to share his poverty and live on bread and water, he pledged his sacred honor that if she would furnish the bread he would hustle around and get the water. And so they were married; but hardly was the honeymoon ended before the collector came around and cut off the street pipe for the non-payment of the water rate.

A GREENSBURG, Pa., mother while chastising her twelve-year-old son, the other day, exploded several packages of toy pistol caps which were concealed in the youth's hip pocket. When the smoke had cleared away she discovered that the family was out one suit of boy's clothing and had a badly lacerated tooth to care for. This is another warning to mothers to make sure their sons are not loaded before applying the paddle. You are liable to find almost anything in a boy's pockets.

THIS is the first war Chili has endured for forty years, and it is a war that is peculiar in more ways than one. Balmaceda had, on the one hand, all or nearly all, the land forces, while the congressionalists enjoyed the possession of all, or nearly all, the navy. This naturally kept the opposing forces, as a rule, pretty far apart, and, with the exception of the battle at Valparaiso, in which the loss of life is reported to have been very heavy, the battles have not been marked with the sacrifice of many on either side.

AN Englishman who recently passed through New York on his way home from Australia, whither he went to give advice upon the subject of the rabbit pest, describes that particular curse as something beyond the imagination of those who have not seen it. When rabbits descend upon a plantation in swarms, as they frequently do, they leave whole acres bare of vegetation. The returning traveler is now manufacturing two hundred miles of wire netting per day for use as fencing against the incursions of Australian rabbits.

"CAN a hypnotized person be made to commit crime?" was very emphatically answered in the affirmative by Dr. Voisin, of Paris, in a paper delivered before the British association. He suggested to a subject under his influence to commit the act of arson while hypnotically asleep, and there was obedience in each case. More than that, a woman was recently sentenced in Paris for a succession of acts of robbery. It was ascertained that she had been habitually hypnotized, and upon investigation it was discovered that she had robbed under the suggestion of outside parties.

THE London Standard, the conservative and well-informed English journal, in the present condition of a grain shortage in Europe, advises the use of maize—or corn, as we call it—and says that the United States could supply 400,000,000 bushels and that an extra shilling per bushel would attract maize enough to supply all Europe with wholesome, nutritious food. This is all true and is good news for the western farmer who has burned corn as fuel. The time will yet come, no doubt, when corn will be exported in a relative excess with wheat.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE queen of Italy has a \$7,000 dress. The French make waterproof paper umbrellas.

CABLE lines will supplant 4,000 horses in New York.

The big World's fair building will be a mile around.

Of the 12 largest cities in the world three are in Japan.

The royal standard of Persia is a blacksmith's apron.

Twenty-two newspapers in Kansas are edited by women.

DURING 1890 there were built in the United States 8,500 churches.

EDWARD BELLAMY is a descendant of six generations of clergymen.

AN Atlantic City policeman has been arrested for highway robbery.

JOHN CULLERTON, a Chicago porter, has retired with \$100,000 in tips.

The society editor of a Boston morning newspaper is a young colored woman.

The president of the Universal Peace Union is Mr. Love. This is most appropriate.

ILLINOIS has just erected three monuments at Gettysburg in honor of her fallen heroes.

SOME Philadelphia boys set fire to nine warehouses, "just to see the fire engines going."

FOR terrible disasters on land and on the water, the month of August presents a dark record.

THE Italian government threatens to occupy the Vatican and exclude the new pope therefrom.

THE Chicago World's fair people will place \$300,000,000 insurance on the buildings and exhibits.

WE have again reached the months of the rolling r, and an oyster wave will sweep over the country.

LIZZIE ARNOLD, of Fenton, Mich., weighs only eighteen pounds, and is twenty-seven years of age.

MR. GLADSTONE has written a letter denouncing gambling as a formidable and growing national evil.

THE department of agriculture proposes to introduce the calla-lily root as a substitute for the potato.

THE Hawaiian race now numbers only 40,000 members, a decrease of nearly one-half within fifty years.

ACCORDING to Jewish estimates, the number of Jews in New York city is now between 80,000 and 100,000.

THE memory of Wendell Phillips is to be honored in Boston by the erection of a public hall bearing his name.

THE aeronauts are dropping out rapidly, but the next complete census will probably show as many as ever.

THE princess of Wales is one of the most beautiful women in England, yet she is a grandmother, and 46 if she is a day.

QUEEN VICTORIA has given orders that Great Britain's representation at the World's fair be well looked after.

IT has been estimated recently by a shoe man that the people of the United States spend \$450,000,000 annually for shoes.

EDISON has a notion that the average dwelling of the future will be lighted and heated at a cost of less than a dollar a year.

A WILKESBARRE man has sued a minstrel company for \$10,000 damages because the endman made him the butt of a witticism.

THE latest news from Emin Pasha indicates that he is rapidly acquiring eminent domain over the Equatorial provinces of Africa.

BY a recent appliance to kitchen ranges the refuse from the kitchen is thoroughly dried, converted into charcoal and used for fuel.

IT is reported that in the army of the Chilean insurgents are many young Americans and Englishmen who have been given commissions.

NOBODY is especially enthusiastic over the fact that oysters come back with September, for the reason that early ones are never the best.

PROBABLY the oldest living twins are Mrs. Hannah Eustis and Miss Sarah Barr, of Wakefield, Mass., who were born in Salem on March 31, 1800.

THE potato disease has made its appearance in parts of Ireland, which means that there will be hunger there before planting time comes again.

REPORTS from many points in Alabama are to the effect that the cotton crop there will be at least 25 per cent. under that of last year. Rust has done the damage.

SENATOR PROCTOR began his official career as a selectman. He has passed through about all the grades up to his present position, and now he is going to be a United States senator.

THERE are counties in North Dakota where the wheat lands this year yield thirty-eight bushels to the acre. The wheat crop just harvested in that state exceeds, it is said, 50,000,000 bushels.

THERE is a marble mine, recently located, at Providence, Cache county, Utah, that yields a marble so much like mottled onyx that the difference can only be discovered by the use of chemicals.

A PENNSYLVANIA mother spanked her thirteen-year-old boy and accidentally exploded a box of cartridges secreted in his hip pocket. Here is another of those "did not know it was loaded" mistakes.

THE census returns for Pennsylvania show that the unfortunate city of Johnstown has increased in population since 1880 from 8,380 to 21,895, a growth which makes it now the thirtieth city in the State.

MANY of the Pittsburgh glass companies are placing plants in position to make gas, the natural gas supply having given out. The object is to avoid going back to solid fuel.

A GEORGIA telegram says that a colored man who was hanged to a tree and had 300 bullets fired into his body is dead. The latter announcement will likely be accepted by a majority of readers as being correct.

SEC. PROCTOR, who will succeed Edmund in the Senate, is a most abstemious man. He does not smoke and his tastes are simple. He is old-fashioned in his manner, but shrewd and keen and usually hits the mark he aims at.

The News Condensed.

Important Intelligence From All Parts.

DOMESTIC.

ARGUMENTS in favor of closing the world's fair on Sundays were made before the national commission and the board of lady managers by the American Sunday-school union. No action was taken.

The dynamite factory of F. H. Reynolds & Co., at White Pigeon, Mich., containing twenty tons of dynamite exploded, and sixteen workmen were annihilated so that no vestige of them could be found.

OVER 100 deaths had occurred at Wheeling, W. Va., from typhoid fever, and 350 cases were reported.

ALFRED C. HEDRICK, aged 76 years, of Mansfield, O., saturated his clothes with kerosene and applied a match and was burned to death.

GEORGE ELLIS, while bathing in Lake Gardner, Mass., was drowned. James Higgins, a bystander, while attempting to save the boy, was also drowned.

The Central Market Company of Chicago made an assignment with liabilities of \$100,000.

The monuments erected by the state of Illinois on the battlefield of Gettysburg to the Eighth and Twelfth Illinois cavalry were formally dedicated with solemn services.

A NEGRO who assaulted the wife of a planter at Oxford, Miss., was captured by a mob and hanged.

HEAVY frosts killed corn and all other vegetation in some sections of Iowa on the night of the 3d and did much damage in other parts of the state.

OFFICIAL notice was given that the order prohibiting the importation of hog products into Germany had been removed.

"WATERMELON DAY," the festival of the Arkansas valley, was celebrated at Rocky Ford, Col., by 10,000 people from all prominent points.

S. P. COOK, a prominent business man at Rantoul, Ill., was killed by being thrown from a wagon by a runaway team of horses.

The first 100 pounds of sugar made under the sugar bounty clause of the McKinley law were shipped from Chino, Cal., August 24. It was estimated that the bounty on sugar this year would amount to \$10,500,000.

A BULLETIN from the census bureau showed that there were 45,233 persons confined in the penitentiaries of this country.

CHARLES RIEDELL was found dead in bed at St. Paul by a deputy sheriff who had gone in his house to serve a writ of ejectment. He had committed suicide by taking carbolic acid.

The barns of Dr. N. P. Valerius & Co., at Watertown, Wis., were burned, together with thirty-two head of registered stallions.

The Erie Beach hotel, on the Canadian side, near Buffalo, was destroyed by fire; loss, \$150,000.

REV. J. H. NEWTON, was struck on the head by a falling tent pole at the Free Methodist campmeeting at Sodas, N. Y., and instantly killed.

FOUR persons were killed by lightning during a storm which struck the house of John Couch near Magnolia, Ark.

THEASER HILTY, of Richland township, near Lima, O., was reported a defaulter in the sum of \$10,000.

JOHN and Wade Felder were sentenced to be hanged Friday, October 9, at Rusk, Tex., for the murder of Yonnie Thompson, the father-in-law of John Felder.

THE total valuation of real estate of Indiana was placed at \$1,096,000,000, against \$800,000,000 last year.

IN the United States the business failures during the seven days ended on the 4th numbered 217, against 230 the preceding week and 203 for the corresponding week last year.

THE Youngstown bridge works at Youngstown, O., were totally destroyed by fire, including several bridges nearly ready for shipment, throwing 250 men out of employment.

JOHN COLMAN, superintendent of the Ruby mine near Forest City, Cal., was shot and killed by John St. Pierre, the night watchman.

IT was said that heavy frosts on the night of the 3d destroyed the corn crop in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

FRANK DANFORTH, a negro wife murderer, was hanged at Augusta, Ga., and William Bulling, another wife murderer, paid the penalty of his crime at Savannah, Mo. Shortly before his execution Bulling attempted self-destruction by shooting himself twice in the breast with a revolver which had been given him by his spiritual adviser.

EXPERTS who examined the books of Martin Mower, president of the St. Croix boom corporation at Stillwater, Minn., who died some time since, found that he was short \$26,701.78 in his accounts.

O. O. LYON, assistant principal of the Englewood high school at Chicago, was killed by a Chicago & Western Indiana train while crossing its tracks.

IT was said that enough peaches had arrived in Baltimore during the last five weeks to supply four peaches to every inhabitant of the United States. The number of packages received was 1,200,000.

THE tax commissioners of Indianapolis fixed the valuation of the famous trotter, Axtell, at \$15,000. The horse was sold in Chicago recently for \$105,000.

TWO COMPANIES of United States cavalry began to drive intruders from the Iowa and Sac and Fox reservations.

HARRISON MURRAY, a colored outlaw, was killed near Archer, Fla., by Hardy Early, a negro lad 17 years old.

FOUR soldiers—J. O'Keefe, Corporal Offerson, J. Brown and Patrick Hogan—belonging to Company H, Fourth Infantry, were drowned while out boating on Lake Coeur d'Alene, near Spokane Falls, Wash.

THE American fat and live stock show will be held at Chicago in the exposition building November 11-21, inclusive. The aggregate premiums would be limited to \$10,000.

ALLERTON trotted a mile in Independence, Ia., in 2:10, breaking the world's stallion record.

It was reported that the British steel steamer Carr Rock, bound from Dundee to San Francisco with coal, was burned at sea.

It was reported that Secretary of War Proctor had sent in his resignation to the president and that Stephen B. Ellins would be appointed as his successor.

In the National league the percentages of the baseball clubs for the week ended on the 5th were: Chicago, .625; Boston, .577; New York, .559; Philadelphia, .533; Cleveland, .400; Brooklyn, .445; Pittsburgh, .414; Cincinnati, .395. The percentages in clubs of the American association were: Boston, .705; St. Louis, .633; Baltimore, .556; Athletic, .531; Columbus, .444; Milwaukee, .423; Washington, .338; Louisville, .348.

THE state department at Washington notified Minister Egan to formally recognize Chili's new government.

At Race Track, Mont., in a saloon row Bryant McDonald, a farmer, killed Lee O'Dair, a miner.

At the leading clearing-houses in the United States the exchanges during the week ended on the 5th aggregated \$1,233,445,842, against \$954,284,571 the previous week. As compared with the corresponding week of 1890 the decrease amounted to 4.6.

GEORGE ORT, aged 23, fatally stabbed his brother John, aged 19, at their home in Allegheny, Pa.

GEORGE PHILLIPS and J. H. Leed, of Wellington, Ill., were instantly killed while crossing the railroad track in a buggy at Boswell Station, Ind.

FIVE persons died from drinking poisonous water taken from a well on a farm near Dundee, Mich.

WILLIAM MULL was killed and four other persons seriously injured near Findley, O., by the explosion of a thrashing machine in which a dynamite cartridge had been placed.

IT was said that the wheat yield of Minnesota and the Dakotas would amount to 125,000,000 bushels, as against 99,000,000 bushels last year, and that a train 250 miles in length would be required to haul the grain to market.

JAMES CHAMBERS, glass manufacturer of Pittsburgh, Pa., made an assignment with liabilities of over \$500,000.

THE two daughters of Henry Hughes, of Thomaston, Conn., Ellen, aged 10, and Catherine, aged 4 years, wandered away from home and their bodies were found in the Nantucket river.

G. W. TREFEN, a prominent business man and mayor of Broken Bow, Neb., absconded, leaving creditors to mourn the loss of about \$20,000.

A BALD eagle attacked an Indian baby at Echo Lake, Mich., and tried to carry it away, but it was rescued by its mother and died soon afterwards.

At Elizabethtown, Ky., Col. William Wilson was fatally gored by a bull which he was trying to halter.

AFTER a long and earnest discussion the board of lady managers of the world's fair passed a resolution in favor of the closing of the fair Sundays by a vote of 56 to 38.

THE unveiling of the Grant statue at Lincoln park, Chicago, will take place October 8, and it was said that every civil and military organization in the United States would be invited to participate in the exercises.

LABOR day was appropriately observed in the various large cities throughout the country on the 7th. Parades, picnics and speeches were features of the celebration.

A SKIFF containing six young men capsized on the Ohio river, near Port Homer, O., and two brother named Kinson were drowned.

NEAR Hartington, Neb., Dennis O'Flaherty, a wealthy ranchman, gave three of his neighbors poisoned alcohol. Two died and the third would recover.

O'Flaherty was arrested.

IT was said that C. W. Williams, owner of the trotting stallion Allerton, refused \$200,000 for the animal.

At Bloomington, Ill., Dr. C. E. Ballard shot and killed Miss Bertha Ison and then committed suicide. The murderer had implored the young lady to marry him and her refusal was the result of the tragedy.

EDWARD HENNESSY, charged with many bold confidence games in Ohio and Missouri, walked out of a Chicago police court while awaiting a hearing and escaped.

TWO PRISONERS in the industrial school at Manchester, N. H., drugged Watchman John Clough and then beat him with a baseball bat, inflicting fatal injuries.

PRESIDENT H. A. CHRISTIE, of Chicago, and Treasurer E. E. Wise, of the McPherson, Texas & Gulf railway, of Kansas, were arrested charged with the embezzlement of \$250,000.

THE body of S. S. Avery, agent of the Standard Oil Company at Fargo, S. D., was found in the Mississippi river at Minneapolis, having committed suicide. Disappointment in a love affair was the cause.

IN a Pan Handle freight collision at Camden, O., two tramps were killed and \$50,000 worth of property destroyed.

OFFICER KELLY fatally shot James Dewyer at San Francisco for objecting to the policeman's attack on a cripple.

F. L. CAROLI committed suicide in a San Francisco hotel by exploding a dynamite bomb. The windows were shattered, and portions of Caroli's remains were blown into the street.

A TRAIN fell from a trestle 40 feet high near Clay City, Ky., killing the fireman and seriously scalding the engineer.

THREE masked robbers overpowered the station agent at Diller, Neb., forced him to open the safe and took all its contents.

ABOUT 20,000 veterans of the late war convened at Kansas City, Mo., for the purpose of organizing a Central States Veterans' association.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

A TICKET headed by J. W. Bruce for governor was nominated at Albany, N. Y., by the New York prohibitionists.

The resolutions declare against national banks and favor a tariff for revenue only.

The legislature of Georgia passed a bill disqualifying physicians addicted to drink from the practice of their profession.

PENNSYLVANIA democrats in state convention nominated Robert E. Wright, of Lehigh county, for auditor general and A. L. Tilden for treasurer.

JOHN H. DUNHAM (colored), of Kentucky, at present United States consul at San Domingo, was appointed by President Harrison minister resident and consul general to Haiti.

CAPTAIN JAMES FRANKLIN, a noted horse breeder, died at Gallatin, Tenn., aged 45 years.

BRIG. GEN. EDWARD AUGUSTUS WILD, late of Brookline, Mass., died at Medford, N. J., at the age of 70 years.

The death of Mrs. Jane Hill, 99 years of age, occurred at Detroit, Mich., where she had lived for seventy-five years. Four generations of children survive her.

COL. T. B. HUNT, U. S. A., retired, died at Fortress Monroe.

ALFRED N. CHAMBERLAIN, a prominent politician and grain shipper of Michigan, died at his home in Decatur.

WILLIAM A. SPOTSWOOD, a veteran of the Seminole and Mexican wars and the war of the rebellion, died at Mobile, Ala.

At a convention of the people's party held in Boston a full state ticket was nominated, with Henry Winn, of Walden, for governor.

DR. JOSEPH G. CHINX, a veteran of the war of 1812, and the oldest physician in Kentucky, died at the age of 94.

MRS. HENRIETTA MORGAN, mother of the famous raider, Gen. John H. Morgan, died at Lexington, Ky., aged 80 years.

OVER 1,000 women voted at the school election in Battle Creek, Mich., electing candidates of their own sex by a large majority.

FOREIGN.

EMPEROR WILLIAM, of Germany, Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, and the king of Saxony met at Gopfritz and together witnessed the Austrian military maneuvers.

At a Free Methodist meeting in Kingston, Ont., all the women removed their corsets and burned them, saying that they "would die as God made them."

It was said that the last of Balmaceda's forces in Chili had surrendered, and that business of all kinds had resumed its usual routine.

The number of emigrants from the United Kingdom to America during the last eight months was 109,051, an increase of 3,000 over the same period of 1890. Of these 41,578 were from Ireland.

A MOTION of want of confidence in the government was defeated in the Canadian parliament by a vote of 103 to 81.

The steam yacht Albatross, owned by J. Eggleston, of Boston, and valued at \$100,000, was wrecked on the rocks off the Newfoundland coast.

A BILL has passed the New Zealand legislature granting suffrage to women and qualifying women for election to parliament.

THE death is announced of Hon. John Dominis, husband of Queen Liliokalani, of Hawaii. He was formerly an American, born at Schenectady, N. Y.

DURING a fire at Loetzen, Germany, a widow and her fifteen children jumped from the third floor of their house and were instantly killed, while three children, who had been locked up in the nursery, were burned to death.

The British trades union congress convened at Newcastle, Wales, with 500 delegates in attendance, representing 1,500,000 wage-workers.

ADVISES state that within a few days Russia would have 500,000 troops on the frontier.

LATER.

DENMARK has removed the prohibition on American pork.

A FAMILY in Paris, France, consisting of six members, committed suicide on the 8th. The father and mother first hanged themselves and the others, who were adult children, imitated their parents.

A DEAL is about to be completed in Chicago whereby a trust will be formed representing \$18,000,000. It is to be a type foundry's trust, backed by an English syndicate. All the type foundries of any consequence in America are in the deal with one exception.

At Butte, Mont., on the 8th, the jury in the Davis will case, which has been out since the 4th, asked to be discharged, saying it was useless to remain out any longer, as no verdict could be arrived at. The judge ordered the jury back and said a verdict must be found. The trial has already cost \$120,000.

NINE residents of Belleville, Kan., are at the point of death as the result of having partaken of poison in food served at dinner at the house of George Gregg. What the nature of the poison was and how it was administered are questions that remain to be answered.

The annual convocation of the Select Knights of America opened at Madison, Wis., on the 8th, delegates being present from all over the country.

GUSTAV BERGER and his wife Johanna quarreled at Topeka, Kan., on the 8th, over money matters. Berger seized his revolver and shot her in the back, instantly killing her. He then turned the pistol upon himself and blew out his brains.

THE immense five-story storage warehouse of R. C. Layton, at Nos. 62 and 64 South street, New York, was gutted by fire on the 8th. Five firemen were burned, two of them seriously. Loss, \$250,000.

SEVEN trunks containing sealskin gloves, silk, satin and lace dresses,